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Council Okays Use Of City Police Cars for Off-Duty Security Details

by Bill Rowland

In an election-eve regular meeting on September 14, city council supported the use of city police cars by off-duty officers serving as private security guards dealt with development-related issues in the eastern side of the city, and moved forward on plans for reconstruction of Research and Hillside Roads in the city's north end.

Use of Police Cars

City Manager James Giese recalled for council the recent incident in the Greenway Shopping Center in which a Greenbelt police officer, parked in a city police car near Jasper's Restaurant, started to investigate a suspicious person approaching the restaurant at 3 a.m. The officer was abducted and locked in the trunk of the police car by three suspects. Giese said questions had been raised about the officer's use of the city car because he was on private duty as a security guard at the time.

Giese told council he favors use of city-marked police cars by off-duty police officers employed by local business concerns to perform security duties. Giese said he agreed with Police Chief William Lane that use of marked cars "serves an essential crime prevention purpose at a time when the city has been particularly impacted by armed robberies and other serious crimes." He said the visibility of the car in itself serves as a deterrent to crime, and both the officer and the car are immediately available for city police business if needed. Giese emphasized that neither such use of police cars, nor the private employment of off-duty officers, is permitted if it would reduce the effectiveness of the police department. In addition, police cars may not be used for "roving" private security patrol purposes, such

as in an apartment development.

In the Jasper's incident, Giese noted, the officer had been authorized to use the car, and it appeared that a break-in and burglary of Jasper's had been averted. Giese asked council to approve as a matter of policy such future use of the city's police cars.

Council members took the position that it is within the authority of the city manager to set such a policy without action by council. However, councilmen individually expressed their agreement with and support of the policy.

Windsor Green Sewer

Rozansky and Kay have asked the city for a temporary sewer easement within a public road right-of-way so they can construct the Windsor Green recreational complex. This would be a private sewer line, not owned by W.S.S.C., through which sanitary sewage from the recreational facility would be pumped over a ridge and into a sewer to be built on Morrison Drive. At such time as the western part of the Glen Ora tract is developed, this temporary line would be abandoned and the recreation facilities would be connected to a gravity-flow sewer line.

Remembrance of the problems that Greenbriar residents had with a sewage pumping station alarmed both Windsor Green homeowners and council when presented with the Rozansky and Kay request. Both council and the Windsor Green Homeowners Association wanted assurance that residents would not have to assume financial responsibility for maintaining the station.

An accompanying letter from Rozansky and Kay telling the city that their firm would bear the maintenance responsibility relieved the concern of the Homeowners Association, according to Board

of Directors member Ed Putens. But city council members were still not satisfied that Windsor Green residents are adequately protected against future cost burdens in connection with the proposed pumping station. Councilman Tom White in particular wondered whether the maintenance responsibility accepted by Rozansky and Kay would be affected by the purchase of the remaining Rozansky and Kay interest in the Glen Ora tract by U.S. Homes Corp.

Council agreed to defer action on the easement request until Rozansky and Kay representatives could be present to answer questions.

Glen Ora Site Plan

U.S. Homes Corp. has presented site plans for the development of Glen Ora Gardens - Section Two. Seventy townhouse units are proposed for construction on an area of about 8.75 acres, bordered on the north and east by Morrison Drive, on the south by Glen Ora Drive, and on the west by the Tidler property and Frankfort Drive. City council voted to accept and forward to the county Planning Board the recommendations of the city's Advisory Planning Board regarding the site plans.

APB favors adoption of the proposed plans, subject to resolution of five concerns: 1) Reasonable access should be provided for rear-yard refuse collection. 2) APB believes in mandatory dedication of land for recreation purposes; but because mandatory dedication had not been required in this subdivision, they felt that the developer should provide recreation facilities throughout the entire subdivision subject to MNCPPC staff review for adequacy. 3) The developer should build Ora Glen Drive westward to the city limits.

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Redistricting Plan Puts Greenbelt With Bowie, Marlboro

by Mary Lou Williamson

As expected, the Redistricting Commission last week adopted the Hendershot revised plan which places Greenbelt in a district with Bowie and Upper Marlboro. The plan and its accompanying documentation was received by the County Council on Friday, Sept. 25. Council now has 70 days in which to approve the plan as is or an amended plan, otherwise it will automatically become law. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hearing Room of the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. The City Council will discuss redistricting on Monday, October 5.

Accompanying the plan (see last week's issue for map showing the nine proposed districts) was a majority report signed by the three Democratic members, Tom Hendershot, Wayne Curry and Chairman, Hervey Machen. Acknowledging Greenbelt's concerted last ditch effort to separate their community from Bowie, the majority wrote: "... the Commission would like to have accommodated this request, but because of

our overriding concern to incorporate the adopted guidelines, while providing adequate black representation, it became impossible ..."

In a separate statement, Hendershot disagreed with the majority on this point: "Throughout the Commission's deliberations, I have maintained that Greenbelt should be in a Councilmanic District that does not include Bowie. ... A major flaw in the majority

report is that it has Bowie and Greenbelt together." He urged the County Council to consider his original proposal that Bowie be combined with Laurel and not Greenbelt. He objected to the Ennis Plan, which Greenbelt has informally favored, as being unresponsive to black representational needs.

The minority report, written by the two Republican members Ella Ennis and William Gullett, criticizes the majority report for "... (denying) equitable representation to ... Greenbelt and an example of gerrymandering. ..." and calls for the adoption by County Council of the Ennis Plan.

Also attached is a copy of the statement by the City of Greenbelt to the Commission, dated September 22, listing the city's dissatisfaction with the Hendershot-revised plan.

Golden Dome

GREENBELT SAYS THUMBS DOWN ON BELTWAY MALL VARIANCE

by Elaine Skolnik

The issuance of a building permit for a free-standing coin-operated amusement arcade, The Golden Dome, to be located between the Big Boy Restaurant and the west entrance to the Beltway Plaza shopping center has disturbed the Greenbelt City Council. Council has been surprised that construction of the 1900-square foot facility on Parcel O had been allowed to begin prior to a request for a variance from certain landscape and setback requirements.

At its September 14 meeting, council expected that the permit would be revoked until the Board of Zoning Appeals hears the case on October 14. However, a spokesperson for the County's Department of Licenses and Permits, which okayed construction, said it could not revoke the permit until the legal aspects of such an action were examined.

New Post Office Opening Delayed for Lift Delivery

Work has been completed on the new Greenbelt full service Post Office facility located below the Co-op Supermarket. Postal Service officials hope to move in within three to six weeks.

The hold-up, explained George Powers, Facility Analyst at the Main Sectional Center in Riverdale, is the need for a lift to transport mail from the mail trucks at the loading dock. The design of the sidewalk loading platform at the back of the Co-op building necessitated the lift. "It's a safety thing," he added. A scissors lift is on order and is expected to be delivered within six weeks.

Construction on the 8,000 square foot facility began in late May. Marty Mulcahy from the Postal Service Regional Information Office noted that the work required a complete gutting and remodeling of the Co-op lower level. The new facility has been inspected and accepted by all the necessary inspectors such as the Fire Marshall and Postal Service Inspector. Fixtures, new equipment and old equipment from the present post office, have been moved into the building.

The lease for the present Post Office is supposed to be terminated October 17, noted Greenbelt Postmaster Frank Ford. If the lift has not arrived, the lease would need to be extended. George Christacos, owner of the Center shopping area, told the News Review that the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association would be moving into the old Post Office space.

According to DLP, the permit was issued because the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission's stamp of approval on the permit application did not contain the condition that a building permit not be issued until the Board of Zoning Appeals heard the case. However, the condition did appear on the accompanying site plan. DLP noted, however, that it is information from the application that is fed into the computer. An MNCPPC spokesperson noted that under new instructions from DLP, it is the site plan that should contain the pertinent information.

Variance Request

The applicant is seeking a variance for landscaping for the entire Beltway Plaza shopping center and along all streets—the entire Greenbelt Road frontage, both sides of Cherrywood Lane and along Breezewood Drive.

According to County officials, variances of the kind requested for the arcade have always been approved. This is so, they explain, because new zoning ordinances in the 1970's dealing with aesthetic controls that established the 10-foot landscaping strips over and above future widths of roads, did not allow for existing and older shopping centers.

Not satisfied with being held to such a precedent, however, the city council accepted the Advisory Planning Board's recommendation of opposition to the granting of the variance. On behalf of council the following statement

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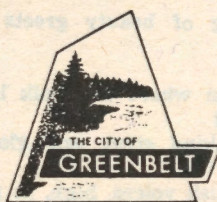
WHAT GOES ON

Mon., Oct. 5, 5-6:30 p.m. GHI Information Session on Vinyl Siding, Board Room, Hamilton Pl.

8 p.m. City Council Meeting Municipal Building

Tues., Oct. 6, 7 p.m., Center School PTA "Back to School Night"

7:30 p.m. Springhill Lake PTA "Back to School Night"



NEWSPAPER RECYCLING

The City of Greenbelt has changed companies to which newspapers are taken for recycling. As a result of this switch, the City is requesting that its refuse collection customers put only newspapers out for collection. Paper items such as cardboard, magazines, phone books and the like should not be included with newspaper. These should be put in with regular trash. Customers are also requested to tie the papers in bundles, if at all possible; however, the refuse collectors will continue to collect newspaper in brown bags, though the bags will be returned.

The City thanks all its customers for their cooperation with recycling in the past. Your efforts have made the program a model for other communities. Let's keep up the good effort.

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Early Poem

To the Editors:

Reference is made to the very interesting article in the **Washington Post** Tuesday, June 30, about Greenbelt. It just happened that my husband and I recently arrived in this area from Florida . . . and purchased this newspaper edition.

By quite a coincidence, several weeks ago I was going through old papers at my home in Zephyrhills, Florida, and came across a poem entitled "Greenbelt". It was written many years ago by my father, John B. West Sr., now deceased, who was employed as a timekeeper on the original construction of Greenbelt in the 1930's. I had brought the poem with me to show my brother. I thought you might like to have it for your **News Review**, so I made a copy and enclose it herewith.

We were living and working in Washington during the building of Greenbelt and watched it with great interest . . .

Dorothy West Rabette
 GREENBELT

GREENBELT

Acres of woods and swamps and fields
 Tilled, here and there, for meager yields.

Roads of clay with ruts cut deep,
 Picture of nature — fast asleep.
 A covert for birds, perhaps a few,
 But mostly a lonely, desolate view.

Then on a day a change came o'er
 The fields, the swamp, the woodland floor.

If seen afar, like tiny ants,
 Figures appear and seem to prance
 On roads, on hill, in dale and glade,
 Now toil in sunlight, now in shade.

And as the leaves come drifting down
 And fields grow bare and sere and brown,
 When winter tightens her gurgling hold,
 When streams freeze o'er from bitter cold,
 Greater and greater the numbers grew
 Of those who come, to dig, to hew.

From hundreds, yea, to thousands, strong,
 They still came on an endless throng,
 Speeding o'er rails of glistening steel,
 A mass of men, each glad to feel
 The ache of toil, in back and thigh.
 Work, work, again; men's hopes ran high:

Along the rough and muddy roads
 Trucks roared and reeled with human loads,
 To place some here and drop some there,
 Through rain or snow or weather fair,
 And soon began a change of scene
 When Spring brought forth her

SHL SCHOOL PTA

The Springhill Lake Elementary School will hold its first meeting of the year, an open house and "Back to School Night" for parents, on October 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the school's multipurpose room. The school will be opened up for parents to meet their children's teachers.

During a business meeting parents can also meet the 1981-82 PTA Officers: President, Jose R. Morales; 1st Vice-President, Stephanie Butler; 2nd Vice-President, Cathy Ford; Recording Secretary, Sharon Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Esther Van Buren; and Treasurer, Liz Pulliam.

The PTA invites people to become members at that time.

colors, green.
 For where the swamp was dank,
 did quake,
 Behold there lay a placid lake,
 And on its breast, these eyes have seen
 The wild bird float, and dive, and preen,
 First dwellers in a new found home,
 When wearied, here to cease to roam.

Then work and noise grow fast apace
 And sounds of craftsmen fill the place.
 Amidst the trees, on high flung hill
 Appear the gleams of workers' skill,
 And homes shone forth where once trees stood,
 On hill, in field, or sheltered wood.

Beautiful trees now stand on green
 Where yestermorn but clay was seen,
 And roads, like ribbons, glist'ning black,
 Where naught had been but muddy track
 And as the sun each morn doth rise
 Something of beauty greets the eyes.

Quite soon where woodfolk leapt or cried
 Will mankind strut, and glow with pride,
 And childish voices, high, at play,
 Will thrill the sunlit hours of day,
 Will housewives' chatter fill the air
 Around the homes of Greenbelt, fair.

Greenbelt, you stand, a monument
 To those who planned and worked, intent,
 Their fellow men to help, to cheer,
 To find a home for those held dear,
 For more than Shaft or Gilded Dome,
 To those who soon may call it "Home".

JACQUEST
 John B. West

A Dedicated Officer

To the Editor:

When one has the occasion to call the police many comments come from peers that the city police should be the last to be called. Recently, my home was burglarized. The police report was taken on a Saturday by Officer Justin of Greenbelt. Immediately the peer pressure began, as people asked if I only called Greenbelt police instead of the State. Consequently, Monday I was in a panic and began calling both city and county police complaining that nothing was being done. While in panic, unknown to me, Officer Justin was busily at work on both his time off and on duty investigating all leads, phoning me from time to time to keep me informed. This made me ashamed that I doubted the ability of such a dedicated officer.

Even though my items cannot be returned, Officer Justin has done his part well, bringing the criminal to justice. The prosecution is left to the judicial system, bringing a juvenile to justice not just a reprimand and a release to our communities.

Thank you, Greenbelt City Police, most of all, thank you, Officer Justin.

Frances Wilson

Well Wishes to Two

To the Editor:

Last week's edition of the **News Review** featured the retirement from the Greenbelt political scene of two men whose departures deserve more than passing notice.

For the first time in some years Charlie Schwan will not be sitting at the Council table and Greenbelt is the poorer for this fact. Probably no one in my memory better exemplifies the citizen-politician civic activist than Charlie. Certainly he has earned the plaudits from the whole political sector. I wish him well in what is apparently a new role—cub reporter for the **News Review**. It is with regret that I also note the passing from the scene of Dennis Piendak as assistant city manager. Dennis' contribution has been a major one as a second banana to Jim Giese. Obviously someone as talented as Dennis cannot remain indefinitely as number two man, and as he moves along to the City of Cumberland we wish him well.

GERARD F. DEVLIN,
 Delegate, 24th District

Center School PTA

The Greenbelt Center School PTA will hold its first meeting, a "Back to School Night," on Tuesday, October 6. Parents and interested members of the community are invited to join the PTA between 7 and 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available during this time. A short business meeting will follow at 7:30 after which parents will have an opportunity to visit their children's classrooms and meet their teachers.

Membership in the PTA is open to parents, teachers and the local public for community participation and support of Center School, its students and faculty.

Watch for the PTA membership drive in the Center Mall which will be held soon!

NEW COPY CENTER

McGregor & Werner, Inc. announced the opening of another copy center. The new facility is located at 6301 Ivy Lane in the new Capital Office Park Complex. In addition to quick copies and offset printing on site, they can handle all printing requirements at their nearby plant facilities. M&W's telephone No. is 345-2740.

Correspondents Wanted

To the Editor:

I am writing in hopes you will help. I was born in Greenbelt in 1957, but my parents moved away when I was four. Both my parents were killed in an automobile accident when I was six years old. Since then, I have lived in several different foster homes until I was 15.

I am presently in prison in Georgia. Being moved from one home to another made it really hard to make friends. But I've never been so lonely as I am now. I have no one to write to, and there's no one writing me. However, I believe it's possible that I have relatives still living in or around Greenbelt. I was hoping that you could find space in your newspaper to publish my letter in hopes that my relatives, or anyone who knew my parents would find time to write me. I have never had a chance to re-visit Greenbelt, but one day I hope to. So if you would like to share a smile, please write. I would like to hear from you, especially since I've never received a letter. Thank you for your time.

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THANKS

To the Editor:

The family of Charles A. Parsons wish to express their deep appreciation to the Greenbelt Golden Agers, friends and neighbors for their kindness, love, prayers, cards, and their donations during our bereavement.

Zelpha Parsons and Family
 Danny Parsons and Family
 Dorothy Sedvert
 Col. Theodore Sedvert

Guitarist at Holy Cross

Dan Scott, Christian singer and guitarist, will present a concert of his own compositions at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Sun., Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge; however a free will offering will be taken.

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Church School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

(Ages Nursery - Adult)

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

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 474-1924

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10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

First and third Sundays

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8:00 p.m.

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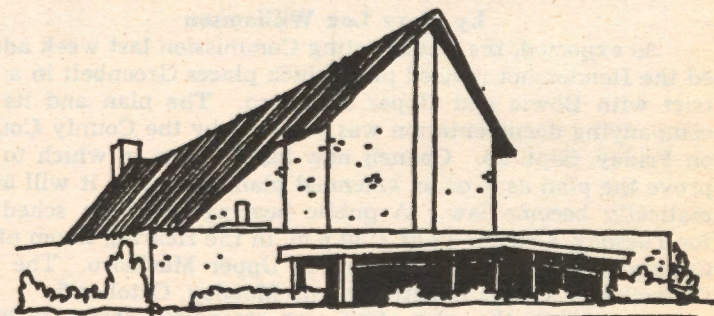
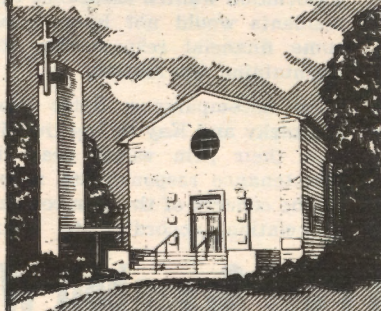
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 Phone 474-6171 mornings

11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and Church School

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Rev. Sherry Taylor and
 Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors



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Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Sunday morning nursery at both services

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111



FESTIVAL WINNERS

15 Kilometer Run

by Alex Barnes

Brian Daugherty, a senior at the U.S. Naval Academy, moved to an early lead and kept on moving away to win the 1981 Labor Day Festival 15k run in a good time of 49:24. Daugherty, 21, also captured first in the 20-29 age group. Arturo Rodriguez, 31, finished second in 50:47 and took first place in the 30-39 age group. Marc Sengebusch, 28, finished third in 51:22 taking a second in the 20-29 age group. He was followed by Dick Hipp, 41, who at 51:56 captured the first in the 40-49 age group. First Greenbelter was Larry Noel III in a fine time of 54:39 for a 14th overall. He was followed by 15 fellow Greenbelters including John Munns, 1:02:01, Mark Nicholson, 1:04:43, Kevin Brown, 1:05:39, Lyman Jordan, 1:05:41, and Bob Mongelli, 1:06:40. Senior runner Albert Ellerlin, 66, finished in 1:32:51 which has got to be a record. First Greenbelt woman was Margaret Cusick in 1:20:47. Keith Olson led the group of tough-old-men in the 50-and-over by taking a 50th overall in an excellent time of 1:03:04. First of the ten women finishers was Bernadette Flynn, 70th overall, in a time of 1:05:53.

While the weather was not ideal, the 22 deg. C, 70% relative humidity, and cloudy skies were a lot better than what the race has been run in some previous years. One hundred forty-nine runners made it across the finish line: 12 in the 19 and under; 33 in the 20's; 59 in the 30's; 34 in the 40's; and 10 in the 50-and-over age group. Greenbelt had the most finishers with 16 followed by D.C. with 10, Silver Spring with 9, and Bowie with 8.

Dave Lancer led eighty finishers to win the 1981 Labor Day Festival 3k run around the lake with a time of 10:18. Only six seconds behind was Leonard Rankin. One minute behind Rankin was 12-year-old Mike Davis. Ted Reich was first of 11 Greenbelters, finishing in 12:42. He was followed by Jon Peterson (12:57), Veronica Kell (13:19), Joel Lichvar (13:49), and Tim McCleary (13:50).

Special Contests

Diaper Derby; 1st — Joshua Spiess, 2nd — Jason Flanagan, 3rd — Brooke Yakuphovic, 4th — Nicole Siegel; Treasure Race: 2 year olds: 1st — Brad Barber, 2nd — Kelli Jones, 3rd — Alyson Miers and Sloan Siegrist, 4th Caroline Coulter; 2 year olds: 1st — Natalie Arnold, 2nd — Nick Skelly, 3rd — Daniel Ross, 4th — Corinne Lightle and Zoie Gray; 3 and 4 year olds: 1st — Carrie Holl, 2nd — Jennifer Dobbin, Scott Lubey and Dennis Shelly, 3rd — Heather Light, 4th — Chris Barber, Mindy Byers, Alex Fritz, and Anthony Lynch.

Dress-up Relay (teams): 1st — Jessica Trimble, Imelda Trimble, Mike and Erica Sierse; 2nd — Bart Byers, Jamie Barcus, Erin Barcus and David Irwin; 3rd — Peter Timer, Jonathan Williams, Jonathan Murray and Joey Murray; 4th — Nathan Jones, Freddy Ross, Ckori Jones and Jeanna Ballard.

Balloon Toss (partners): 1st — Mary Stringfellow and Becky Williams, 2nd — Mike Hall and Billy McGee, 3rd — Chris Adams and John Stringfellow, 4th — Nicholas Jones and Lawrence Trimble and Melanie Swank and Claudia Grinius.

Limbo: 4 feet or over; 1st — Chris Davis, 2nd — Ellen White; 5 feet or over: 1st — Bill Garren, 2nd — Coleen McGee, 3rd — Teresa Williams, 4th — Danny Garren.

Tug of War (teams): 1st — Bill Garren, Danny Garren, Lisa Childs, Allison Inglesby, and John Webb, 2nd — Cheryl Miller, Mike Higgs, Rich Bustillos, Margaret Williamson, and Gina Alfaro.

Parade

Grand Marshall's Award — United Cerebral Palsy; Best in Parade: U.S. Coast Guard Drill Team; Best individual — Chillum Adelphi Cavaliers snare drummer.

Floats: 1st — Blackthorn Stick Irish Float; 2nd — Miss Greenbelt Pageant Float; 3rd — Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 23; Musical units: 1st — Eleanor Roosevelt Symphony Orchestra; 2nd — First U.S. Army Band; Civic units: 1st — Greenbelt Lions Club Decorated Bikes & Trikes; 2nd — Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Cheerleaders; Comic: 1st — Markland Medieval Mercenary Militia, 2nd — Pooper Scoopers; Best Drill Team: U.S. Coast Guard; Antique & Classic Auto & Truck: 1st — 1951 Chevrolet 4 door sedan driven by David Vincent; 2nd — Vintage Fire Truck owned by Bob Baker & family; Oldest Car: 1931 Packard entered by Joe Canova.

Majorette Group Awards: 1st — Chillum, 2nd — Berwyn Heights, 3rd — K Company; Drum Units: 1st — Berwyn Heights, 2nd — Chillum, 3rd — K Company; Senior Color Guard: 1st — Chillum; Junior Color Guard: 1st — Berwyn Heights, 2nd — K Company.

VARIANCE, from page 1
was sent to the Board of Zoning Appeals:

"1. That consideration of variance be limited solely to Parcel O of the Beltway Plaza and not relate to the entire Beltway Plaza property inasmuch as much of it remains undeveloped and there is no justification for granting the requested variance.

"2. That the variance for Parcel O be denied on the basis that even though the property has been developed without a 10-foot buffer strip and 10% green area, there is adequate parking available for existing commercial uses, so that it remains feasible for the providing of the required green space."

Developer's Response

In a bitter letter to City Manager James K. Giese, developer Sidney J. Brown of the Beltway Plaza Regional Shopping Center blasted the city's recommendation. He charged, "You have always tried to make me trouble, no matter how much I did for your city. . . . If I weren't here paying all these taxes, you and your cohorts would be paying twice as much taxes. But you don't appreciate anything."

Brown pointed out that such variances as he is requesting have never been denied and have always been "routinely granted as a matter of course. There has never been a denial, not even of one such appeal."

Art Show

Cipriano Award for "Americans at Work": William N. Buckner; Adults — paintings in oil: 1st — John R. Burnette, 2nd — Kenneth Blue, 3rd — Elinore Behr; paintings in watercolor: 1st — Robert L. Snyder, 2nd — Ruth Dungan, 3rd — Betty Atwood; drawings: 1st — Jill Tanenbaum, 2nd — Earl R. Kreins, 3rd — Diane Pisano; sculpture: 1st — Judith Walder, 2nd — Elinore Behr; ceramics and crafts: 1st — Jeffrey Summers, 2nd — Helen E. Supple, 3rd — Holly Geller.

12-17 years — paintings: 1st — Kerry Moriarty, 2nd — Dan Sutherland, 3rd — Cheryl Miller; drawings: 1st — Malia Murray, 2nd — Lori Marques, 3rd — Laura Kurburski; crafts: 1st — Leonard Randall, 2nd — Cheryl Miller.

7-11 years — paintings: 1st — Joey Dobbin, 2nd — Jamie Dobbin, 3rd — Michael Hall; drawings: 1st — Christopher Colvin, 2nd — Kim Goshorn, 3rd — Greg Reisher; sculpture: 1st — Ryan Mach, 2nd — Frank Cook, 3rd — Joey Murray; crafts: 1st — Gina Alfaro, 2nd — Rebecca Williams, 3rd — Melinda Stevens.

6 years and under — paintings: 1st — Heather Kruger, 2nd — Peter Timer, 3rd — Stacey King; drawings: 1st — Bridgid Harpe, 2nd — Kristen Ragan, 3rd — Joshua Lefchik; sculpture: 1st — David Cohen, 2nd — Joey Lynch, 3rd — Michael Cook, William Kruger; crafts: 1st — Catherine Colvin, 2nd — Jennifer Ragan.

Pet Show

(Pets' names are not included.)

Small Animals: Scott Lubey — quietest, Jason Cohen — largest, David Cohen — sleepest and smallest, Johnathan & Justin Polanin — most active, Sasha Cockburn — smallest, David and Anthony Comulada — most musical, Danny Garden — most beautiful, Bill Garren — longest tail, Nancy Garren — friendliest, Mike Davis — wettest, Josh Kepler — gentlest, Julie Moffet — shyest, Laura Kurburski — quietest, Corita Jones — most active, Jerry & Anthony Lynch — blackest, Andrew and Matthew Knoll — 2nd place colorful and large, Joey Murray — longest, John Stringfellow — fattest, Jonathan Murray — best dressed, Nathan Jones — 1st place unusual snake, Nicolas Jones — 1st place unusual frog, John Powers — 2nd place friendly, Beth Shevitz — 1st place, colorful, Adam Smith — longest antenna.

Cats: Ryan & Amy Mach — whitest face, Melody Mardis — prettiest stripes, Ardica Madis — bluest eyes, Kim Goshorn — longest tail, Faith Kelly Palmerton — longest whiskers, Amy Heller — oldest, Jennifer Dobbin — slowest.

Dogs: Mary Heffern — 2nd place colorful, Joey Lynch — longest tail, Tara Beall — shortest, Marcus Helfrich — blackest, Jason Cohen — whitest, Christie Peters — longest nose, Cheryl Miller — best dressed, Chris Davis — most active, Diane Timbs — noisiest, Sloan Siegrist — tallest, Char Glendening — shortest tail and shortest nose, Molly Ahearn — youngest dog, Christy Desposito — most colorful, Allison Inglesby — longest ears, Sharon Case — longest nose, Steve French — quietest, Jamie Dobbin — 2nd place active, Joey Dobbin — 2nd place quiet, Jeff Shaffer — 1st place shortest ears and 2nd place shortest ears.

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AGENDA

Regular Meeting of City Council

Monday, October 5, 1981 - 8:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
4. Minutes of Council Meetings
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. Sign Plans for Exxon Station (SE 3248)
10. Temporary Easement - Recreation Facility Glen Ora
11. Cable Television
12. County Councilmanic Redistricting
13. Community Relations Advisory Board Report on Crime Prevention
14. North End School - Disposition

IV. NEW BUSINESS

15. An Ordinance to Make Additional Appropriations Totaling One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$129,000) in the Community Development Block Grant Fund for Purposes of Undertaking Road Reconstruction Improvements on Ridge Road from Southway to Gardenway in Accordance with the Approved Budget and Contract, and to Authorize Temporary Loans from the General Fund to the Community Block Grant Fund for the Temporary Financing of Said Additional Appropriations until Grant Funds are Received - First Reading
16. Sidewalk on Research Road
17. Community Development Block Grant Request - 8th Funding Year
18. General Plan - Maryland-Washington Regional District
19. Designation of Voting and Alternate Voting Delegates - National League of Cities
20. Engineering Services - Ridge Road Reconstruction
21. Liquor License - Denny's
22. Resignation from Community Relations Advisory Board
23. Appointments to Boards
 - Advisory Planning Board
 - Community Relations Advisory Board
25. Council Appointments
 - Council of Governments
 - Maryland Municipal League
 - Prince Georges County Community Development Advisory Committee
 - Advisory Planning Board
 - Park and Recreation Advisory Board
25. Council Vacancies
26. County-Municipal Membership Fees for Council of Governments
27. Meetings

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: THIS IS A PRELIMINARY AGENDA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MARY NIETER - Seniors Go to Cape Cod Talented Soprano

by Corinne Comulada

Perhaps the best-remembered parts of "As Time Goes By," Utopia Theatre's salute to Greenbelt and the 1930's, were those that featured songs by soprano Mary Nieter. "When The Moon Comes Over the Mountain" and "Italian Street Song" were only two of these.

Mary, who was born and raised in Illinois, credits an excellent school system for her early love of music. She has been singing since the age of seven, receiving training in both school and church.

Mary took undergraduate work at Baylor University in Texas and Northern Illinois University. After graduating from William and Mary in Virginia, she spent one year at the State University of New York at Oswego. Upon the recommendation of one of her students, Mary became involved in the Utopia. Since then, she has been an enthusiastic supporter of the theatre and serves as vocal coach for its musical productions. In the July 25 chamber music concert presented by the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Association, she sang a group of Scottish songs and other selections.

A trainer in business and industry, Mary was employed previously as a counselor at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

She manages three choirs at Faith United Methodist Church in Rockville—Post Diaper, Intermediate, and Junior and Senior High. When time permits, she enjoys a good game of tennis.

Recreation Review

Arts & Crafts and Pre-School Playtime

The free Fall Arts & Crafts program and pre-school playtime will be held at both the Youth Center and SHL Center. Arts & Crafts classes are held on Mondays for Kindergarten through 3rd Graders and on Wednesdays for 4th thru 6th Graders. Pre-school playtime is held on Thursdays for youngsters ages 3 to 6. All children are encouraged to participate in these free activities. **Chucks 'n' Lassies**

On Saturday mornings, a free program of organized games and activities for boys and girls ages 6 thru 10 years is offered. The program is under the supervision of the recreation leaders. Shirts are provided for those who attend regularly. Sessions are held at both the Youth Center and SHL Rec. Center, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. **Volleyball**

Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at the Center School Gym. Competitive games are played on Monday evenings; recreational play on Wednesday evenings. Both are from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Everyone age 16 years and over is welcome.

Red Cross Swimming Certificates

The Youth Center Business Office has American Red Cross Certificates for the following who passed the required tests this summer for: swimmer — Art Compton, Kim Compton, Erin Harpe, Molly Johnson, Allison Low, Jeff Swerczek, and Jay Vaccaro. Basic Rescue and Basic Water Safety—Daryl Brooks, Ben Clarke, Daniel Evans, Robert Gochnour, Allison Schachter, Rajiv Suri. Certificates may be picked up Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

by Blanche E. Lee

Forty-five seniors spent four fun-filled and exciting days on that September trip to Cape Cod. The bus left Greenbelt at the early hour of 6 a.m. and they were all there bright-eyed and happy to be on their way with Zelpha Parsons, our expert Travel Chairman in charge. It was nice, too, to have as our co-operative bus driver a former Greenbelt boy, Ron Newkirk, who pointed out all the interesting places as we journeyed along. Leaving Maryland, we traveled through Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York to Massachusetts, arriving at Edgartown, our motel headquarters, just in time for dinner.

Our second day covered a boat trip to Martha's Vineyard and a bus tour pointing out the interesting points and early history of the Vineyard, whose early settlers were Indians until British explorers arrived in 1602. The Indians passed on the skills of whaling to the English, which opened up the way for the Golden Age of Whaling in the 19th Century and Edgartown became the most accessible port for large ocean vessels, and world-famous as a world port. Martha's Vineyard's reputation as a summer resort began in 1835 when it was chosen as a religious summertime site for Camp Meetings by a Methodist Association. In later years the original camp tents were replaced by permanent wooden Gingerbread cottages and today is a major attraction in the heart of Oak Bluffs. In 1932 Martha's Vineyard was connected with the famous Lindberg baby kidnapping scandal. There were other historical events and even in 1975 the famous movie "Jaws" was filmed on the island. A singular and most remarkable place to visit.

Another delightful day was the boat trip to Nantucket Island. Early history of the island reflects the Quaker influence even into the early part of the 18th Century as regards their strong opposition to slavery.

In 1840 Nantucket became the whaling capital of the world and at the height of its supremacy. It is recorded that Marconi selected this place as the first commercial wireless station in America, a forerunner of one of the most powerful communications systems in the world. — R.C.A.

Quote from a Nantucket paper: "It was no fun being a Quaker on the mainland. Anything calculated to make life happy or even pleasant was considered sinful."

Nantucket has many historical museums and exhibits and is unique in its legends and traditions and quiet charm. Numerous artists, writers and musicians live and work there in the restful atmosphere of the island — an outstanding location for a long relaxed vacation from a tired world!

There was a harbor cruise to the Kennedy Compound on the

Police Blotter

compiled by Mavis Fletcher

Eight thefts from autos were reported throughout the city last week. Several were in the central portion of Greenbelt. Radios and similar items were removed from the vehicles.

There was a strong-arm robbery in Springhill Lake on September 26 at 12:54 a.m. Two female victims were involved but the purse of only one was taken.

A 3' by 5' picture window in the front wall of the St. Hugh's rectory was broken sometime between September 19 and 21.

Numerous items were reported stolen from the gift shop located inside the Jewish Community Center between 8 p.m. on September 22 and 4 p.m. on September 23. Entry was apparently gained through a door which had not been properly secured.

Warrants for assault and battery were advised as the result of a traffic-related altercation which took place at Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. The victim was assaulted with a hammer. Both persons involved were non-residents.

Some Norman Rockwell statues were stolen off display shelves in the Curiosity Shop in Greenway on September 26.

The Exxon station on Greenbelt Road near Beltway Plaza was broken into on September 24 between 1 and 9 a.m. Some currency was removed.

Greenbelt Cleaners in Center Mall was broken into between 7 p.m. on September 24 and 12 noon on September 25. A small amount of money was taken.

Pfc. David R. Kress charged a non-resident with shoplifting at the A & P in Beltway Plaza on September 24.

Kay Jewelers in Beltway Plaza reported a theft of jewelry. The clerk was engaged in conversation by the suspect and an accomplice reached over the counter and removed several items of jewelry.

Pfc. Mark A. DiPietro charged a non-resident juvenile with two counts of theft from the Fashion Factory and Mays Department Store in Beltway Plaza.

Chief William T. Lane attended the Maryland Chief's Convention in Ocean City and will attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police Convention in New Orleans.

Pfc. Charles V. Watkins, Crime Prevention Officer, participated in a display in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Prince Georges County Police Department at the Marlboro Race Track. The Greenbelt Police Department had a crime prevention exhibit which was very well received.

morning of the last day at Cape Cod.

Returning to our motel in the evening there were gourmet dinners and a cocktail party. Our last evening in Edgartown we dined at the Camolette Night Club with stuffed lobster on the menu and a hilarious floor show. Let's go to Cape Cod again next year, Mrs. Parsons!

Swim Team News

by Karen Jones

The winter session of swimming will start Oct. 4, 6 to 7:30 p.m., on Sunday night at the new White Oak pool in Montgomery County. Swim team members are encouraged to participate. Younger brothers and sisters who have passed beginners or are almost capable of passing are invited to come and learn the competitive strokes. For directions, fees, or more information call Mrs. Sacrey at 474-5247.

The Annual Banquet was held in honor of the hard-working parents and swimmers. A variety of awards were presented to the outstanding youthful participants by Swim Team Coaches Sue Gillett and Reggie Smith. Thirty-nine swimmers were rewarded for their participation in the Swim for Heart. Tom Jones received an award for being the top fund raiser. For their undying demonstrations of team spirit, Jay Gordon and Lisa White received the Spirit Award. The most improved swimmers for the year were Jamie Everheart and Oren Stern. The team high point trophies went to Molly Ahern and Craig Dies. Runners-up were Lynda Blue and James Fellows. Age group high point trophies were given to Deni Weaver and Jay Vaccaro (8 and under), Nikki Buemi and Shawn Luddy (10 and under), Aimee Fellows and Robby Reed (12 and under), Margaret Williamson, Colin Alderidge, and Adam Whitmore (14 and under), and Agnes Schrider and Mark Blue (18 and under). In addition, the Recreation Department awarded 14 members of the Aquatic Boosters Board of Directors with Certificates of Meritorious Service.

The city's 1981 Volunteer of the Year Award for the Swim Team Program went to Joni Dies. Joni was recognized for her continued dedication and outstanding contributions, this year, in making the Swim Team a success. Certificates were awarded to: Robert Luddy, President; Kathie Reed, Vice President; Elaine Weaver and Olive Blue, Treasurer; Anne Yaney, Secretary; Glynn Sacrey, Winter Swim Coordinator; Marge Fellows, Ways & Means Chairman; Joni Dies, AAU Chairman; Dennis Aldridge, Prince Mont League Representative; Joy Greig, Member at Large; John Blue, Team Statistician; Gail Gardes, Quartermaster and Jean Jones, Prince Mont League Liaison.

County Schools Set Criteria For Free, Reduced Meals


The Prince Georges County Public Schools is accepting applications for free and reduced price meals for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Programs. Schools may no longer participate in the Special Milk Program if they participate in a federally funded meals program. Family-size income criteria will be used in determining eligibility for the free or reduced price meals.

For example, children from a family of four whose income is at or below \$10,990 are eligible for free meals or if the income is between \$10,990 and \$15,630, they are eligible for reduced price meals—breakfasts, 30 cents and lunches, 40 cents.

Application forms are being sent to all homes in a letter to parents. Additional copies of the application are available at the principal's office in each school. They may be submitted any time during the school year and changes in income or family size must be reported as they occur.

The name and social security numbers of all adult family members are now required. Adults without social security numbers must indicate that they do not have one. Schools may verify the source and amount of income as well as household composition. Deliberate misrepresentation of information may subject an applicant to prosecution. All information is confidential. A hearing procedure has been set up for those who wish to appeal a decision on eligibility. For further information contact the Department of Food Services, P.G. County Schools, 952-4600.

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Council Looks at APB Report

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4) The location of sidewalks and handicap ramps should be shown on the plans. 5) Storm water management plans should be provided to the city for review.

Greenway Office Park

A preliminary plan of subdivision for Greenway Office Park has been received from Western Development Corp. The land involved is the part of the Baker-Witt properties west of Hanover Parkway and south of Greenway Center Drive. The parcel, about 4.9 acres in size, is awaiting proposed rezoning for Commercial-Office (C-O) use.

The Advisory Planning Board recommended to council that the plan be accepted, but contingent on the resolution of several issues. These included accomplishment of rezoning, storm drainage assessment, inclusion on the plan of all existing easements, and a proposed requirement that traffic generated by the development be considered in relation to development of the surrounding area. A fifth APB concern was that the plan should show the road dedication needed to make Hanover Parkway a four-lane divided roadway for the length of the parcel. City Manager Giese told council that the existing dedications for road right-of-way narrows from 120 feet next to Greenway Shopping Center down to 80 feet adjacent to the parcel in question.

Council decided to adopt and forward to the county Planning Board the APB concerns, but with a stipulation that the city wants traffic experts to assess whether anything less than a 120-foot right-of-way will adequately meet highway design and traffic flow requirements related to development of this area.

More Greenbelt-East

In other matters of concern to residents in the eastern section of the city:

Council again briefly considered the issue of the proposed EXXON sign at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway, including a possible meeting with EXXON representatives. They decided to defer action until the new council took office.

Council instructed the city staff to explore what the city might be able to do to help meet a citizen request for buffer planting between Greenbelt Road and homes on Canning Terrace in Windsor Green. The land is owned in part by the Windsor Green Homeowners Association and in part by the State Highway Administration. The homeowners association cannot afford the cost of plantings and has been told by Rozansky and Kay that the development firm already put in more landscaping than it is required to do and will not help.

North End Roads

Turning its attention to Greenbelt's northern section, council acted quickly on three matters having to do with the reconstruction of Research Road, the reconstruction of Hillside Road, between Research and Laurel Hill, and the building of an underpass under Hillside. Council accepted a number of permanent and

temporary easements for the work granted by GHI's Board of Directors. Council also held first reading of two ordinances involving the money for the road projects. One ordinance would authorize the city manager to transfer Community Development Block Grant funds between projects rather than requiring an amending appropriation ordinance by council each time such a shift of funds is needed. The other ordinance would appropriate \$40,000 from city unappropriated general surplus funds to pay costs of the road improvements that are in excess of what the block grant funds will pay.

APB Resignation

Council accepted the resignation of Mrs. Eileen Turner from the Advisory Planning Board. Mrs. Turner who is moving out of Greenbelt has been an APB member since 1971.

County Youth Orchestra Auditions Start Monday

Auditions for the Junior and Senior Youth Orchestras of the Prince Georges County Public Schools will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School during the next two weeks for talented music students who are attending middle, junior and senior high schools in the county. The Junior Youth Orchestra provides 7th through 9th graders with a wide range of musical programs, while the Senior Youth Orchestra offers the top instrumental high school students in the county advanced training and performance opportunities.

String auditions for the orchestras will be held on Monday, Oct. 5.

Students who play winds and percussion instruments will audition on Monday, Oct. 12.

Call back auditions for the Senior Youth Orchestra will be held on Monday, Nov. 2, at Largo Senior High School.

All auditions will be scheduled between 6 and 10 p.m.

Interested students should contact the Department of Music of the Prince Georges County Public Schools at 952-4652 to arrange an audition time slot.

Greenbelt CARES

Wendy Wexler and Jim Holmes co-lead another in a series of teen discussion group meetings on Tuesday evening. Beginning Oct. 13, they will be leading Tuesday evening parent discussions focused on adolescence. Interested parents may contact either Wendy or Jim for further information.

The CARES counseling staff has recently been augmented by several new volunteers. Greg Powell, a graduate student at the U. of M. in clinical psychology; Rick Yarian, an assistant professor in the Department of Health Education at the U. of M.; Jeff Tirengel, a graduate student in Counseling and Pupil Personnel Services at the U. of M.; Everett Martin, a Mental Health Associate at the Washington VA Hospital; and Sharon Hawkins, an association professor of nursing at Prince Georges Community College have all begun counseling activities with CARES.

CARES plans to continue its GED Program with a fall class, beginning October 6. Any interested person seeking additional information can contact Johnnie Franklin. The class size will be limited to ten participants.

Parenting Workshop

Some Questions for sincere but weary parents of teenagers. . .

Are you and your adolescent failing to communicate? Need help solving school problems, alcohol or drug use? Want to learn to set limits? Are you a single parent seeking supportive advice? Feel bewildered by other adolescent/parent conflicts?

Get together with other parents of adolescents in an informal setting to tackle thorny parenting issues, share failure and success stories. Greenbelt CARES offers a free six-week workshop (October 13 - November 17) led by professional family counselors Jim Holmes and Wendy Wexler.

Sessions will be held at the Greenbelt CARES offices on the second floor of the City building, 25 Crescent Rd., from 8 to 9:30 on six consecutive Tuesday nights. Confidentiality will be respected.

Call 345-6660 now to reserve a space, or stop by the Greenbelt CARES offices for more information.

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Greenbelter In Triathlon

Larry Noel, 31, of Northway competed in a 53-mile Pepsi-Triathlon, consisting of successive events of one mile swim, 42 mile bike ride and 10 mile run on September 20 in Wilmington, N.C. Two hundred runners/bikers and swimmers competed, including 25 five-member teams. Noel's team finished first and he captured ninth place overall. The greatest difficulty was in the first event when 200 athletes crowded together in Cape Fear trying to take the shortest route to the Wrightsville Beach to get to the bikes. After that the athletes spread out with the bikers seeming to have an overall advantage. Noel's time was 3 hours and 42 minutes.

CRIME PREVENTION

According to the Greenbelt City Police Department, there have recently been three instances in which wallets were removed from purses left in shopping carts. All incidents took place during the day from approximately 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. All female residents are reminded to hold their purses at all times and not to lay them down or leave them unattended in shopping carts.

Scout Troop 746

Boys interested in becoming scouts are invited to the meeting of Troop 746, Friday, 7:30 p.m., at the Methodist Church. Boys age 11 (or in fifth grade) and up are welcome.

Our Neighbors

Navy Airman Recruit Tracey L. Didas, son of June T. Didas of Laurel Hill, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

At last Friday's Duplicate Bridge Club meeting there were five tables and a good time was had by all. In first place was the team of Ann Pisano and Peg Wainscott, and in second place was Pauline and Gary Foncanon. Coming along in third place was a fairly new team of Terry Peck and Bob Longood.

Congratulations to Oren Stern, son of Audrey and David Stern of Lakeside, on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah.

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P.G. County Libraries Begin 'Going Condo' May Not Happen Soon at Glen Oaks Automated Circulation

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System is "going on-line." That's technological jargon for bringing in an automated circulation system. On September 14 the Oxon Hill Library became the first branch to step into the future with computer terminals to check out books.

There will be two circulation systems running side by side for awhile. The New Carrollton Library is slated to go "on-line" November 2, Bowie, November 30 and the Hyattsville Branch in late January 1982. The 17 other branches will follow suit in '82 and '83.

The first public inkling of these changes came in May of 1980, when the library started distributing its "The 'Zebras' Are Coming!" flyers. Zebra is the code word for bar-coded labels, the same kind of stripes which are found on food goods and national products. The flyer explains the process in clear, simple terms. It also suggests that the public register for new permanent cards.

New cards with a personal set of stripes identifying each library patron will be issued to Prince Georges County Public Library users. There will be a one dollar charge for lost card replacement. Registration is open now to all interested at the four largest branch libraries in Bowie, Hyattsville, New Carrollton and Oxon Hill.

The years of behind-the-scenes work and the thousands of dollars that the on-line circulation system will cost are expected to pay handsome dividends.

Eventually, users will be able to reserve books, records, cassettes, and almost all other library materials automatically, know what materials their entire library system owns and whether a particular item is currently in or not. In addition, the new system handles the check-in and check-out of items, renewals, record keeping, reports and notices.

The system will let librarians know which books are the most popular. This information will help in deciding what to add to book collections and how to allocate budget funds.

Why automation? In Library Director William R. Gordon's words, "Controlling the circulation of books and the many other types of material the public can borrow from our libraries has become a complex function. More branch libraries, more users, greater numbers of materials, and skyrocketing book costs all make automated circulation a much more cost-effective management of our resources—both staff and materials."

The word "control" could be a warning to those who are late with returning materials or perpetually lose library items. The computer will keep more accurate records and identify delinquent borrowers at the check-out point. To encourage users to return materials on time the library system has extended the grace period from three to five days for those materials checked out September 14 and after. However, materials returned after the grace period will be fined from the first day overdue.

Two other necessary policy changes, also effective September 14, include liberalizing the renewal policy so items can be checked out again if the computer shows that no one else is waiting for them; and charging fines on all overdue adult and young adult paperbacks, magazines and pamphlets checked out on or after that date.

Before the system could be in-

stalled a new computer program had to be written. All the titles and holdings of the Oxon Hill, New Carrollton, Hyattsville and Bowie libraries, 175,334 titles, resulting in 811,959 items were loaded onto discs. Every book then had to have the correct bar-coded label manually attached—no small feat to accomplish with no additional staff while maintaining regular library service.

"There are bound to be some slow points and breakdowns in the first months. We hope the public will be patient, understanding and flexible," said Norman Jacob, Information Services Officer.

GHI NOTES

GHI members who have questions about the policy on vinyl siding for frame home additions are encouraged to attend the GHI information session about this policy from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 5 in the Board Room.

The next GHI Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. on October 8 in the Board Room.

Free blood pressure testing will be done October 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Board Room. Nurses are still needed to help with this community service. To volunteer, contact Dennis Lewis at 474-5566.

Frame home members are again reminded to prepare their homes for vinyl siding before the contractor arrives. Members should also be aware that siding will be installed on the unit walls which would be covered by a planned addition if it is not approved and built before the contractor arrives. As the contractor removes the old shingles, the rehab inspector will inspect the original porch decks and roofs. If they need replacement, maintenance will be notified and will replace them before new siding is installed.

Approximate rehab schedule for the next week is plumbing work at 4 court Plateau October 2-6 and 5 court Plateau October 7-8 as well as vinyl siding work at 19, 20, and 22 courts Hillside. Rain has caused some delays for vinyl siding work.

Mary Hurley, the new receptionist, formerly worked in the GHI Manager's Office. For the last several months, she has been devoting her time to her new baby daughter.

'Going Condo' May Not Happen Soon at Glen Oaks

by June Webb

In late June, residents of the Glen Oaks Apartments received notice from the owners of an "intention to convert" to condominium. However, it does not appear that such a conversion will occur soon. The apartment owners were beating a July 1 deadline when a tough new state condominium law would go into effect.

The 419 units in Glen Oaks are among the more than 1000 units in 14 apartment complexes in Prince Georges County to receive such notices.

(The Glen Oaks units were originally part of the 1,193-unit Greenbriar Apartment development.)

The new law is intended to protect tenants when condo conversions take place, but there is a loophole which owners are taking advantage of. If an owner had notified renters of intent to convert before the law became effective, he would not have to comply with its provisions. The law provides that condo converters must reserve 20 per cent of their units for elderly and handicapped, giving them the option to live there for up to three years. Management is required to pay \$750 in moving expenses if these tenants decide to move.

There is doubt that condo conversion will come to Glen Oaks soon. The present high interest rates may make this an unfavorable time to sell condominiums. A second letter was sent to renters in mid-July, giving them an opportunity to obtain another one year lease for August 1, 1981 - July 31, 1982. Tenants having leases at the present were given the opportunity to cancel their leases by giving 30 days' notice.

Throughout the state, the public's adverse reaction to the owners' action may prod the General Assembly to amend the law.

DelMarVa Glass Show

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- 15-21 - American Education Week
- 26-27 - Thanksgiving break
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- Dec. 23 - Last day of school before recess
- Jan 4 - Schools reopen after break
- 6 - Public Hearing on school budget - Northern Area
- 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday, schools closed
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- April 2 - Half-day for students
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Impressed by the ideas presented in a report prepared by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Greenbelt center business persons and property owner George Christacos agreed to convene at an early date to discuss this plan for revitalization of the Greenbelt commercial center. At the public meeting on September 22, representatives of MNCPPC, led by Monte Kolste, Chief of Urban Design, formally presented the study which had been undertaken early in the year at the request of the city and the center mall business community.

The report contains a market analysis, an urban design analysis and suggestions regarding implementation. The market analysis focused on the threat posed to the Greenbelt commercial center from increased competition from new shopping areas. It also detailed measures which may be taken to overcome this threat.

All recommendations rely heavily on upgrading the physical appearance of the center. Other recommendations include enforcing the ban on bicycles in the mall, increasing the frequency of police foot patrols and developing an organized and active merchant association, including landowners and the city.

As MNCPPC research economist Joseph J. Valenza pointed out, it will be easier and less costly in the long run to take action to keep the center's customers than to attempt to regain their patronage once shopping habits have shifted.

Two City Men Honored At Seattle Convention

Two Greenbelters, Clarence S. Britt of Springhill Lake and Lee B. Shields of Plateau Place, were honored by the 14,000-member Soil Conservation Society at a banquet concluding the organization's 36th annual meeting in Spokane, Washington.

Shields was named a Fellow of the Society, the highest honor the organization confers on its members. He was cited for his effective professional communication to national audiences concerning the need for and accomplishments in soil and water conservation. Shields has prepared major speeches for USDA officials, as well as publications of the Department. He is the author of four USDA publications and hundreds of speeches, articles, press releases, and scripts. He has also assisted with legislative work relating to soil conservation.

Britt, who received the Society's Fellow Award in 1968, was presented the 1981 Outstanding Service Award. He was cited for his many contributions to conservation programs, especially for field research investigations designed to find better methods for erosion control and modifications of land use. At the time of his retirement in 1976, Britt was serving as assistant to the director and public liaison officer for the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. He has an international reputation as a soil scientist and is a specialist in soil and water conservation research. Since his retirement he has served as a part-time lecturer at the University of Maryland.

Robert D. Cline, Urban Design Coordinator, explained the design features recommended to improve the Center's appearance and function. These include new facades designed to integrate the buildings visually, as well as improved vehicular and pedestrian circulation.

Financing Options

In response to a question from Assistant City Manager Dennis Piendak, who chaired the meeting, MNCPPC representatives said that no dollar figure estimates had been made for the recommendations; however, various avenues for achieving funding were suggested in the implementation section of the report. There is a possibility that money might be available to a local Development Corporation from the Small Business Administration. Another possible source of seed money would be the Maryland Industrial and Commercial Redevelopment Fund. Money might also be raised locally, it was suggested, for purposes of starting improvements.

Sergio Rodriguez of the Office of the County Planning Director asked for the opinion of those present concerning the future of the plan. He said that all who worked on the plan hoped that active measures would be taken to put it into effect and not let it just gather dust on a shelf. Piendak replied that the report would be presented to the City Council at the next regular meeting. He foresaw that the report would be influential to Council in steps they may wish to take. He noted also that the question of creating a parking district in Greenbelt is now being negotiated. A parking district would speed up the present cumbersome procedure arising from the County requirement for parking spaces for any new tenants in the center. Since the city owns all parking serving the center, a waiver of the county requirement has to be obtained for any prospective tenants.

Saying that he thinks the plan is a good one, property owner George Christacos emphasized, as he had in an earlier meeting, that he would move forward with im-

provements if the city solves the parking problem. He stated repeatedly that he needs some freedom of action—"freedom within reason"—to enable him to bring about improvements in the center. Discussion of the amount of available parking seemed to indicate (as does the MNCPPC report itself) that there is adequate parking in the center. The problem, if there is one, is that everyone wants to park on Centerway.

New Restaurant?

Christacos again raised the possibility of bringing in a family-oriented restaurant as a means of attracting new business to the center, particularly from the office buildings which have gone up in and around Greenbelt. The right kind of restaurant is, in his view, the best attraction to bring in quality clientele and new shoppers.

At the suggestion of Leo Walder of Behavior Service Consultants, the representatives of the business community who were present agreed to meet to review the report's recommendations. All participants expressed satisfaction with the report and their appreciation to the MNCPPC personnel who produced it. Piendak said that sending a letter of appreciation to the Commission would be recommended when the report goes to the City Council.

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